HLRP (07-22-78): "There was a peacock around here when Pop was growing up. James Russell had peacocks. The stuffed peacock over the stairs was one that Pop had. The Russell kids had a parrot too. He would say 'Come in' and 'Good bye now.' There was a stuffed parrot down at Aunt Nettie and Aunt Jennie's when I was growing up. It must have been the same one. I don't know what happened to it."

In the Library at The Homestead are the following two books that belonged either to James Russell (father of WAR) or to James Russell (brother of WAR):

1. almanac/encyclopedia; title page missing; 561 pages extant

   Inscribed in ink: James Russell

2. Prairie and Rocky Mountain Adventures and a view of Our Western Empire, title page missing

   Inscribed in pencil: James Russell